

# **APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT**

**Title:** ROCKING CHAIR SLIPPER

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## ROCKING CHAIR SLIPPER

### Field of the Invention:

The present invention relates to floor protectors and, more particularly, to a floor protector that is specifically designed for a rocking chair....

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

There has always been a need to protect hard floors from the damage caused by chairs and other types of furniture as they move back and forth and across the floor and the imprint the furniture may cause due to the weight of the furniture and/or the person sitting on the furniture.

Existing floor protectors commonly found in the market place include chair glides made of plastic and/or steel that nail or screw on, felt or padded strips that glue on and chair leg booties that slip on, however they do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair

rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) to protect the floor, the rocker foot, and to prevent noise and add decoration.

Felt strips are sometimes used on rocker feet to protect the floor. They do not conform to and specifically fit a rocking chair rocker foot and must be glued on and once they are removed they can not be reused and put back on. They are not decorative and do not provide as much protection or noise prevention as the present invention.

They do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) to protect the floor. They do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) to protect the rocker foot from damage. They do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) to quiet the noise the rocker makes as it rocks back and forth on the floor. They are not decorative. They can not

be removed for cleaning and put back on.

It is therefore an object of the current invention to fit and conform exactly to the shape of the rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) .

It is another object of the current invention to protect the floor.

It is another object of the invention to protect the rocking chair rocker foot from damage.

It is another object of the invention to have the ability to be removed for cleaning and put back on.

It is another object of the invention to create a decorative accent.

It is another object of the invention to prevent the rocker feet from making noise as the rocker feet hit the

floor during the rocking back and forth motion...

It is another object of the invention to be installed without the use of glue or nails.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a floor protector that is both functional and decorative. A fabric "slipper" that fits and conforms exactly to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker). The "slipper" stretches to slip on and off. There is foam or padding inside the bottom of the slipper for cushioning to prevent damage and noise. There are two ties placed at strategic points to be tied in a bow to secure the "slipper" to the rocker foot. There is a stationary bow and lace trim for decorative purposes.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A complete understanding of the present invention may be obtained by reference to the accompanying drawings, when considered in conjunction with the subsequent, detailed description, in which:

Figure 1 is a top view of a Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector;

Figure 2 is a side view of a Rocking Chair Slipper Floor Protector

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Figure 3 is a cross sectional view of a Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector showing where the padded insert is located.;

Figure 4 is a bottom view of a Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector when placed on the rocking chair.

For purposes of clarity and brevity, like elements and components will bear the same designations and numbering throughout the FIGURES.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Figure 1 is a top view of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a side view of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a cross sectional view of the present invention showing where the padded insert is located.

Figure 4 is a bottom view of the present invention.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the present invention. Each rocking chair slipper is slipped on to

each rocker foot of the rocking chair and secured with the two ties at strategic points as shown.

Thus, in summary, it can be seen that what is provided in this invention is a floor protector specifically designed to fit a rocking chair foot that is functional and decorative.

The shape of the slipper and the ability of the stretch fabric 5 to stretch, along with the elastic strips 1 around the opening of the slipper, enables the slipper to fit over and conform to the shape of the rocking chair foot.

The fabric ties 3 are strategically placed in two locations on both sides of the opening of the slipper to secure the slipper to the rocking chair.

The padding 6 inserted in the bottom of the slipper provides protection for the floor, the rocker foot and provides a cushion to quiet noise that the rocker feet make

when they rock back and forth and hit the floor.

The lace or other decorative trim 2 around the opening of the slipper and the stationary bow 4 at the front of the slipper make it decorative.

The slipper is easily removed for cleaning and can be put back on and reused many times.

The slipper can be fashioned in any color or stretch fabric 5 and decorated with any type of trim.

Since other modifications and changes varied to fit particular operating requirements and environments will be apparent to those skilled in the art, the invention is not considered limited to the example chosen for purposes of disclosure, and covers all changes and modifications which do not constitute departures from the true spirit and scope of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is desired to be protected by Letters Patent is presented in the subsequently appended claims.

What is claimed is: